



Buffalo Community Middle School Athletic Eligibility Agreement

Buffalo Community Middle School Sports Philosophy

At BCMS, we encourage students to try new things and grow through their involvement in athletics. Sports are a great way for students to develop not only as athletes, but also as individuals learning the value of effort, teamwork, and competition. All athletes will have the chance to play, and while playing time may not be equal in every game, it will be as balanced as possible over the course of the season. A student's level of competition will be based on their attitude, effort, and skill.

Middle school is a key time for students to start learning that their behavior and effort in school are directly connected to their ability to participate in sports. Our student-athletes are expected to work hard in the classroom and demonstrate positive behavior, just as they do on the field or court. We regularly check grades and behavior to help students stay on track and meet the expectations we have for all who represent our school in athletics.

Expectations for Sports Participation

- Athletes are expected to show respect to all adults and peers throughout the school day.
- A positive attitude and good sportsmanship should be shown during all practices and games.
- If an athlete has a question or concern, they are encouraged to communicate directly with their coach.
- Athletes should attend all practices. Missing a practice without an excused reason may affect game participation.
- Athletes are expected to be in school for the full day on game days unless they have an approved excused absence, such as a medical appointment.
- Athletes who receive an in-school or out-of-school suspension will not be eligible to participate in practices or games on that day.

Academic Eligibility

Coaches will check student grades every two weeks during the season. If an athlete has a "D" or lower in any class, they must complete a Plan to Pass contract with their teacher. As long as the student is following through on the contract, they will stay in good standing with the team. However, if they are not meeting the expectations of the plan, their playing time may be reduced.